Africa



PHINDA FOREST LODGE *Phinda Private Game Reserve*



SOUTH AFRICA



&Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve encompasses an impressive 28 555 hectares (70 560 acres) of protected wildlife land in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Showcasing one of the continent's finest game viewing experiences, **&Beyond** Phinda is home to Africa's Big Five (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino), as well as 436 bird species. The reserve is particularly well known for close-up sightings of the elegant yet elusive cheetah, as well as the rare black rhino.

With its seven distinct habitats, Phinda is often described as 'Seven Worlds of Wonder', a magnificent tapestry of woodland, grassland, wetland and forest, interspersed with mountain ranges, rivers, marshes and pans. Home to 1 000 hectares of Africa's remaining rare dry sand forest, the reserve is situated in close proximity to the unspoiled beaches and spectacular coral reefs of the Indian Ocean, offering an unmatched combination of bush and beach adventures.

Guests at Phinda experience unforgettable interpretive game drives in open 4x4 safari vehicles, led by professionally trained & Beyond rangers and Zulu trackers, as well as a wide range of optional adventures in the bush and on the beach.

Phinda is home to six magnificent lodges, each with its own individual charm and character: Mountain Lodge, Rock Lodge, Forest Lodge, Vlei Lodge, Zuka Lodge and Phinda Homestead.





Set deep in the heart of a rare and beautiful dry sand forest, the spectacular & Beyond Phinda Forest Lodge fuses spectacular architectural design with the ultimate in conservation principles. The creation of this awardwinning safari lodge was an exemplary exercise in building eco-sensitive structures with a light environmental footprint (not one tree was felled during construction). The 16 suites are built on stilts and appear to float between the forest floor and the towering torchwood trees. Inventively designed in a style affectionately known as Zulu Zen, each handcrafted, glass-encased suite boasts a minimalist flair that incorporates high-gloss wooden floors, richly tactile fabrics and brightly accented Zulu artefacts. The suites feature luxurious ensuite bathrooms with slate hand basins and viewing decks where guests can drink in the sight of graceful nyala and duiker in the dappled shade of the forest. The lodge's sparkling rim-flow swimming pool, as well as the expansive decks in its seating area, looks out onto panoramic views of an open meadow where animals frequently graze. A traditional African boma is enclosed with a wooden fence and offers lantern-lit open-air dining beneath a canvas of stars.

AT A GLANCE

- 16 air-conditioned glass suites
- Rim-flow swimming pool at the edge of the forest
- Interactive kitchen
- Safari Shop
- Traditional boma for open-air dining

WHAT SETS US APART

- Situated in some of the world's remaining rare sand forest
- Floor to ceiling glass walls allow close-up views of small animals and birds
- Seven habitats allow for much greater diversity in species and landscapes
- Wildlife includes cheetah, black rhino, nyala and suni
- Surrounded by incredible birdlife
- Variety of adventures available
- 28 555 hectares (70 560 acres) private game reserve with limited number of vehicles

ACTIVITIES

Included

- Twice-daily game drives, including afternoon / evening drives
- Bush walks

At an additional charge

- Phinda Adventures include
 Zulu village tours, Maputaland
 beach adventures, night turtle
 drives (seasonal), scuba safaris,
 an ocean safari and black rhino
 tracking on foot.
- Specialist Safaris include birding, photographic, rhino capture and research, tracking, luxury walking, family and private safaris

GUEST SAFETY

The lodge is not fenced off and we request guests be extremely vigilant at all times. Security guards accompany guests at all times when walking around the lodge at night.

ACCESS

- Airlink offer daily scheduled flights from Johannesburg to &Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve. Connect &Beyond Phinda to Johannesburg, Cape Town, &Beyond Ngala Private Game Reserve, &Beyond Kirkman's Kamp, northern Sabi Sand Game Reserve, Vilanculos and Livingstone.
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- Seven-hour drive from Johannesburg on good roads in a two-wheel drive vehicle
- Three and a half-hour drive from Durban on good roads in a twowheel drive vehicle
- Private charters from anywhere in South Africa can be arranged to &Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve's airstrip

ACCOLADES

2015 - &BEYOND'S LODGES IN THE &BEYOND PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE ARE LISTED AMONG THE TOP 100 HOTELS & RESORTS IN THE WORLD AT THE CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER (US) READERS' CHOICE AWARDS AND FEATURED AMONG THE TOP 12 RESORTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

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2015 - CONDÉ NAST TRAVELLER INDIA FEATURES &BEYOND PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE AS ONE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S SEXIEST WILDLIFE CAMPS

2014 - &BEYOND PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE IS # 10 IN CONDE NAST TRAVELER "BEST RESORTS IN SOUTH AFRICA" AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST CATEGORY

"The highlight of the trip was our stay at Phinda. **&Beyond** is a magnificent organisation, full of people dedicated to making one's wildlife experience forever memorable. From the first contact to the last goodbye at the airstrip, our every need was met with expertise and a smile. The game drives were 'and beyond' what we expected. Never dreamed we would get so close to the animals and learn so much. I hope one day to return."

- Leonard & Pamela Espinosa, &Beyond guests









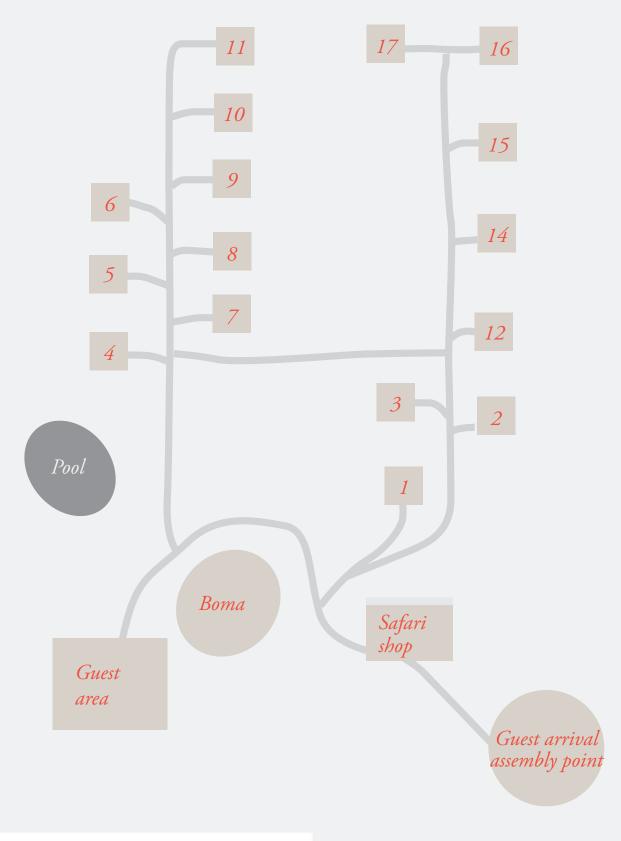
TABLE OF FACTS

| NUMBER OF ROOMS | 16 |
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| MAXIMUM GUESTS | 32 |
| CHILDREN | Yes; no children under 16 on Walking Safaris; children 5 years and younger cannot participate in game drives; children aged 6 to 11 permitted on game drives at the lodge manager's discretion |
| CHILDMINDING | Available at an additional cost |
| TRIPLES | None |
| TWIN BEDS | All convertible to double |
| AIR CONDITIONING | Yes |
| OVERHEAD FANS | Yes |
| LODGE POOL | Yes |
| BATH | Yes |
| INDOOR SHOWERS | Yes |
| SEPARATE W.C. | Yes |
| IN-ROOM SAFE | Yes |
| PERSONAL BAR | Yes |
| TELEPHONE | Yes |
| HAIRDRYER | Yes |
| LAUNDRY INCLUDED | Yes |
| WHEELCHAIR ACCESS | No |
| DISTANCE BETWEEN ROOMS | 15 metres / 50 feet |
| CHECK IN / CHECK OUT | 14h00 / 11h00 |
| KOSHER FOOD | Available at an additional cost and with at least 4 weeks notice |
| POWER | 220v AC |
| INTERNET ACCESS | Wifi in guest suites and Safari Shop / guest reception |
| PRIVATE 4X4 SAFARI VEHICLE | Subject to availability and at an additional cost |
| CREDIT CARDS | Visa, Diners, Amex, MasterCard |
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| IN-ROOM MASSAGE | Yes |
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| EXERCISE EQUIPMENT | Gym in a bag available on request |
| WEATHER | Subtropical climate with hot, humid and wet summers from September to April and warm to cool and dry winters from May to August |
| RAINFALL | Rainfall averages 1 000mm / 39" per annum. Much of the rainfall comes in the form of short, intense afternoon thundershowers. Rain can be expected throughout the year |
| TEMPERATURE | Summer: daytime temperatures above 35°C / 95°F Winter: night-time temperature rarely drops below 10°C / 50°F |
| BEST TIME TO TRAVEL | All year round; best game viewing from March to end of September |
| MALARIA | The reserve is situated in a low-risk malaria area |
| AIRSTRIP | The Phinda airstrip is not registered; coordinates are S27 [*] .51.36' and E32 [*] .18.48' |
| GPS COORDINATES | S27 [*] 46.657' and E32 [*] 20.942' |
| LODGE CLOSURE | Open year round |

NOTE

- Please note that park fees and government charges may apply. Speak to your travel consultant for more details.
- Drones are not permitted at &Beyond reserves, lodges, camps and villas.



CONTACT